

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**On page 10, replace the second full paragraph as follows:**

It is preferable that the swellable, lamellar silicate is organized by an organizing agent (i.e., the inorganic ions of the lamellar silicate are replaced with organic ions) and the polyester resin composition of the invention contains the lamellar silicate in this state. The replacement of the interlayer inorganic ions of the lamellar silicate that is an inorganic component with organic ions makes it possible to increase the compatibility of the lamellar silicate with a resin component, particularly PEI, that will be described later.